

# ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

### **Mass Intentions**

#### Weekday

MON8:00 am † Mary Ann Laughlin1/17/22(Diane Reiter)

TUES 1/18/22

### 8:00 am † Evan Daniel Larew (Diane Silkey)

St. Anthony, Abbot

Weekday



### Financial Stewardship THROUGH JANUARY 9, 2022

WED	10:00 am Mass at St. Joan of Arc	<u>COLLECTIONS</u> Budget	LAST WEEK \$ 11,770.00	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u> \$ 420,440.00
1/19/22		Offerings Online ACH	\$ 19,716.00 \$ 1,500.50 \$ 2,570.00	
	Weekday	Total Actual Surplus <mark>(Shortfall)</mark>	<u>\$ 23,786.50</u> \$ 12,016.50	<u>\$377,864.36</u> (\$ 42,575.64)

#### **HELP! HELP! HELP!**

You can see from the budget shortfall above that we need your help. If you were unable to make your regular year-end contribution to the parish, please make it now. If you can do more than you have, please do so.

Thanks for your attention.

Update your email with us! Contact Cindy Birkel, 920-474-7000, email: <u>cbirkel@scsjcluster.org</u> or turn in the below to the parish office.

Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Email:

THURS 1/20/22

#### St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

FRI 1/21/22

#### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAT 1/22/22 5:00 pm † Bob Wallis (Mary Jo Wallis)

SUN 1/23/22 8:00 am Mass at St. Joan of Arc 10:00 am † Joseph Doll (Kurt and Judy Schrang)

# ST. JOAN OF ARC

### **Mass Intentions**

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MON 1/17/22

8:00 am Mass at St. Catherine's

St. Anthony, Abbot

TUES 1/18/22 8:00 am Mass at St. Catherine's

## **Financial Stewardship THROUGH JANUARY 9, 2022**

		<b>COLLECTIONS</b>	LAST WEEK	YEAR TO DATE
WED	10:00 am In thanksgiving for Ellen	Budget	\$ 16,550.00	\$ 488,434.00
1/19/22	Heitman's birth	Offerings	\$ 6,851.00	
		Online	\$ 5,393.00	
		ACH	\$ 4,755.00	
	Weekday	Total Actual	<u>\$ 16,999.00</u>	<u>\$ 452,932.82</u>
THURS		Surplus (Shortfall)	\$ 449.00	(\$ 35,501.18)

Debt Reduction: \$ 212.00 Flowers: \$ 20.00

St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

FRI 1/21/22

1/20/22

#### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



5:00 pm Mass at St. Catherine's

SUN 1/23/22

8:00 am † Joseph Donaubauer (Margaret Donaubauer)

10:00 am Mass at St. Catherine's

**Upcoming Repairs!** 

Church Roof Fund - Cost - \$245,000 YTD - \$21,480.00

The Parish Roof is leaking! Can you help?

Parking Lot Fund - Cost - \$169,688 YTD - \$ 3,900

Update your email with us! Contact Leisha Smith at 262-646-8078, email: lsmith@scsjcluster.org or turn in the below to the parish office.

Name:

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### WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### **MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2022**

3:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Society (SJ) 4:00 pm Girl's Basketball (SJ) 6:00 pm Boy's Basketball (SJ)

#### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022**

6:30 pm School Commission (SJ) 7:00 pm Catechist Scripture (Zm)

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022

4:00 pm Girl's Basketball (SJ)
6:00 pm Boy's Basketball (SJ)
6:00 pm Individual Reconciliation
6:30 pm Parent Ministry Positive Discipline (SJ)

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022

7:30 am Catechist Scripture (Zm)
3:30 pm Children's Choir (SJ)
5:00 pm Stewardship Commission (SJ)
7:00 pm Choir Practice (SJ) (SC)

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2022

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2022

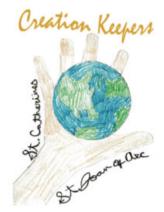
3:45 pm Plunge Into Faith 7-9 (SC)

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022**

9:15 am Family Program (SJ) 11:15 am Confirming Our Faith 10-11 (SC)

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

Sunday:	ls 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10
	[3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
Monday:	1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-
·	17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22,
·	27-28/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/
,	Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3,
,	9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and
	11/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps
	80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday:	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9,
	10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-
	14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



### GREEN is the color of choice for 2022!

Some simple lifestyle changes can greenify our world.

- Wash clothes in cold water.
- Line or rack dry your clothes (and dishes).
- Make your own cleaning solutions with white vinegar and baking soda.
- Substitute hand-washable rags for paper towels (Norwex).
- STOP buying styrofoam and encourage restauranteurs to stop also.
- Bring your own *water bottles*, take-out containers and *cloth grocery bags*.
- Use low flow showerhead and/or limit showers to 3 minutes.
- Fix water leaks promptly.
- Avoid idling the car.

Many green practices can also save you hundreds of (green) dollars.

In the Gospel today, at the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples and they began to believe in him. Everyday, God also gives us signs of his love and so we also can respond in faith and trust.



Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul becomes a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and to trust.



#### **Pastoral Council Meeting**

Cluster Parishes of St. Catherine of Alexandria and St. Joan of Arc

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

**Meeting Agenda** 

January 25, 2022

6:30-8:00 P.M.

- I. Call to order (6:30 PM)
- II. Opening Prayer
- III. Introduction of New Youth Representative
- IV. Review/approval of minutes as presented (October)
- V. Pastor's Report
- VI. Discussion of New Job Description for Ellen Heitman as Director of Parish Ministries
- VII. Update on "Come to Me"
- VIII. Update on Mission Statement
- IX. Commission/Committee Updates
- X. Closing Prayer

It is so hard to say good-bye to our dear Fr. Chuck...



For 17 years, Fr. Chuck has served the people of our cluster parishes. We have been abundantly blessed by his presence. His joy, love and deep faith has touched our hearts as he taught us to always "Stick with Jesus!"

Please join us at the Masses on

January 29 (5:00 pm SJOA) or January 30 (8:00 SJOA 10:00 SCA)

as we express our gratitude for the gift of his priesthood and bless him as he begins a new chapter of ministry at St. Clements Redemptorist Mission Community in Missouri.

Many parishioners and friends have asked how they can honor Fr. Chuck. The suggestion has been made that in lieu of gifts, a monetary donation in Father's name be given to Sarnelli House or to his new residence, St. Clements Redemptorist Mission Community would be most appreciated.

<u>Please do not make your check out to Fr. Chuck</u> <u>but rather directly to either place.</u>

> God bless you, Fr. Chuck. You will be missed!

It takes empathy, patience, and compassion to overcome anger, hatred, and resentment.





The work and words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., continue to be an important source of inspiration for people around the world. However, the power of his witness and his word are grounded in a deep theological commitment to the teaching of Jesus Christ, and moveover in a vision of how those teachings can be the foundation for nonviolence, racial and social justice, and the building of what King described as "the Beloved Community." Christians in particular must reclaim this theological and biblical understanding of Dr. King as an example of what it means to live the Gospel. We must begin with love.

Dr. King's dream of the Beloved Community is a reflection of his own deep abiding in Jesus, rooting himself in both the value of love and, more importantly, the way of love. The depth of Dr. King's commitment to this way of love in order to bring reconciliation was not fully understood in his own lifetime, and it is not well understood even now. We know from the history of the world (especially in places such as South Africa and indeed the United States) that until we tell the truth about injustice, name our complicity in it, and recognize the societal costs that must be paid to repair it, reconciliation cannot happen. Even when we pass laws to inhibit oppressive actions, we will still not have dealt with the state of our hearts and minds. Racism, misogyny, homophobia, and xenophobia are real and evident throughout our society. If we as Christians are offering a way forward, it must be the road of love. We must understand that love fuels not just mercy but justice, for only justice ensures that our neighbor is valued no less than we value ourselves. When we abide in Jesus' love, we have the spiritual resources, those fruits of the Spirit, that equip us not only to show compassion but also and especially to demand that justice prevails, doing the hard work of dismantling forms of oppression that harm our neighbor.

Rev. Teresa Hord Owens General Minister and President Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY JANUARY 18–25, 2022

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity gives Christians an annual opportunity to continue their quest for the unity they already share in Christ. It is also a time to gather in praise of the Triune God and to deepen the understanding of the ecumenical movement. By joining in this annual celebration Christians raise their voices, hands and hearts to God seeking the fulfillment of the prayer of Jesus, the Son of God, "that they all may be one."

The Week of Prayer also invites those who participate to use it as an opportunity to examine the effectiveness of the ecumenical movement in seeking to end the divisions among Christians. From the smallest to the largest communities, from all cultures, races and language groups, from all the baptized to all those in ordained ministry, the Week of Prayer is also an opportunity to ask and examine the level of support they have given to this important movement in the life of the Church. An accounting of each Christian's discipleship and faithfulness to the proclamation of the Gospel—the good news of reconciliation—can be taken every year during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2022

We glorify you, O Lord, creator of heaven and earth, for you have set the lights in the vault of the sky. You separated light from darkness and arranged signs to mark sacred times, days and years. You studded the firmament with stars. How majestic are your works, the heavens declare your glory and the skies proclaim the work of your hands!

We praise you for you did not abandon us despite our rebellion but sent your Son to brighten our darkness and be our light and our salvation. In him was life, and that life was the light of all humanity. And the light shines in the darkness.

We worship you, O Lord, for you accompany us in the chaos of our life through the power of your Holy Spirit. You light up our paths and give us wisdom and faith in a world of untruth and doubt.

May all the peoples bow before you and worship you. We have often preferred darkness, but you have given us light.

### Greetings from Mary Sue Reutebuch Director of Christian Formation: Family and Youth Programs

# Courage

Is overcoming personal fears and doing what is right, which will inspire others to do the same. Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God is the One who goes with you. God will not leave you nor forsake you. Deuteronomy 31:6

God gives us many opportunities to be brave and embrace challenging situations. It is important to both acknowledge and allow **Courageous Opportunities** in everyday life!

There have been many opportunities the pandemic

has presented us with, and one of them is courage. When you take a closer look at what courage actually is, you can see that it is an important aspect of each child's character development.

Being brave in the face of fear and doing what needs to be done, even when it is really hard, are both examples of courage and faith! Children need to know they can do hard things (age appropriate) and God is always with them.

Having courage helps children to persevere against challenges, and in the process it raises their self-esteem. When children feel good about themselves and see that they have the personal power to make courageous choices, and help others through this process, they are more likely to lead personally satisfying and faithful lives. This is their faith in action!

#### How can parents help children to show courage?

Parents are their children's first and most important teachers and, as such, have a powerful influence on their development.

#### Parents can:

**Teach your children that sometimes asking for help takes courage.** Let them know that they don't have to face all difficult situations by themselves and that it can be a sign of strength to ask for help.

Make sure your children understand what courage is. Define it and point it out when you, they or someone else demonstrates it. Use news stories, television programs, movies, or books as learning tools.

**Use everyday situations for your children to demonstrate courage**. Encourage them to stand up to peer pressure, refuse to go along with the crowd when the crowd is doing something wrong or dangerous, participate in a new class, master new skills and persist in the face of frustration.

Acknowledge your children when they demonstrate courage. Let them know you, as the parent, learn from their courage. They are not only children, but teachers too.

**Use mistakes as learning opportunities.** Do not use them as a reason to shame. Create a positive atmosphere that will encourage them to face and admit their mistakes openly and honestly. Discuss with them what they can do differently and how they can make amends.

Special thanks to Audrey Krisbergh, Certified Parenting Education, for her contributions to this article.

### Greetings from Mrs. Holly Cerveny Principal of St. Joan of Arc School

#### Dear Friends,

In my home over the years I have heard the same sentence from my children many times and I would bet you all hear it frequently as well. That sentence is "I'm bored." My 7 year old daughter is the one I hear it from most frequently as my older two have learned that my response tends to be something like, "You are so lucky to be bored! Enjoy it!" or "That's great, I wonder what you will do with it." They have stopped letting me know when they are bored and seeking an answer (although in full disclosure, I do still hear we do not do enough exciting or fun things upon occasion).

Some years ago, I read quite a bit of research addressing what has led to this consistent expression of boredom, how to respond to it, and the gift of boredom. Boredom is a signal that tells us our brains are seeking something. Boredom is a problem to a child and when we solve the problem for our children it remains a problem. When we allow and encourage our children to

solve boredom on their own, it becomes a birth place of creativity, problem-solving, and self-awareness.

One of the articles I read described this well and is a great reminder for parents that boredom is a gift and it is for our kids to solve, not for the parents to solve for them. Below find a portion of that article from Psychology Today written by developmental psychologist, researcher, and educator Richard Rende PhD.

[Here] is how it plays out. A parent will say that they are amazed that their kid is bored. How can they be bored, they ponder. There is so much stuff around to keep them occupied. All kinds of structured activities. Schoolwork. Every iteration of technology. So much more than we had when we were growing up ... and yet we weren't bored!

#### Therein lies the truth.

Kids live in a world where the vast majority of their time is managed and scheduled. The stimulation is structured and the <u>motivation</u> tends to be extrinsic. When a kid is presented with nothing but free time, after a while all the external stimulators lose a little luster.



So back to the question. What parents say they typically ask their kids is, "How can you be bored?" They get annoyed and inevitably try to make suggestions to counter the <u>boredom</u>. How about this? How about that?

That's not going to solve the problem, because what your kid is really saying is "I'm not engaged." And the reason is that kids just don't get enough free time anymore to know what to do with it when they actually have it. Plus, the message our overscheduled and over-structured world is sending them is "downtime," that time when you don't know what to do with yourself, is a bad thing. It's wasted time that could be spent doing something productive.

> How do we counter this? First of all, recognize that it's not your place to come up with solutions to the boredom problem. It will lead to more boredom because boredom is a signal that your child needs to come up with something on their own. Boredom isn't a bad thing. It's a good thing, an internal register that says, "My brain is craving something, and I need to muck

around until I find that something that satisfies me."

So maybe you have this chat with your kid the next time they are bored. After a few trials, when they say "I'm bored," smile sweetly and say "OK, got it. So enjoy your free time and figure out something to do that isn't boring to you." And leave it at that.

Of course, this will work even better if we start giving kids more free time, and let them know that we value it, and that it's theirs to enjoy however they like. Follow a pleasure principle without evaluation. Soak up life a little bit. Find your inner muse, or just what makes you happy.

As I re-read this article and reflected, I realized that even over Christmas vacation I heard very little complaint or question regarding what I was planning for my children to do. Then I reflected on how I implement this for myself, and not just my children. It is important for all of us to slow down, not be so focused on productivity, and to allow myself to enjoy life and what makes me happy. I love it when our lessons we learn for our children benefit us in our adult lives too. I think I found my New Year's resolution.

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